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Murder suspect rejailed

John Herbert Meier Jr., who contends the CIA framed him in the 1974 stabbing death of a Canadian business associate, was rejailed Monday in Los Angeles when half his \$200,000 bail was withdrawn abruptly by a bondsman.

His lawyer charged that the prosecution had planted rumors that Meier, 51, a former adviser to the king of Tonga, would claim diplomatic status and flee.

"This case is fraught with more intrigue than you can imagine," said Earl Durham.

Meier, a former Howard Hughes aide, is to begin trial Monday on charges of arranging for the killing of Israeli war hero Alfred Netter to collect \$400,000 in insurance benefits.

Seven years lapsed before Meier was charged. He was extradited from Canada.

He claims the CIA framed him after he tried to expose its connections to Hughes' empire.